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If you regularly read our blog, <<http://temp.Starklawlibrary.org/blog/>>, you will have seen monthly postings called “LLRX Update” by Sabrina Pacifici, founder and editor of both LLRX.com <<http://www.llrx.com/>> and the beSpacific blog at <<http://www.bespacific.com/>>.

About mid month, Sabrina adds 10 - 12 new articles on a wide variety of legal and Internet-related topics to her rich collection of interesting and informative reading materials. “[She] attracts thought leaders to create original content and [has] archived discussions on various subjects.”¹

LLRX has been named one of ten Best Sites of the Decade by Law Technology News writer, Robert Ambrogi. He describes LLRX as being “on the leading edge, spotting new trends, zeroing in on key developments and often being the first to report important news,”

and concludes his discussion of LLRX with “[it] has long been legal professionals’ best guide to the Internet.”²

The site also includes

- Court Rules, Forms & Dockets <<http://www.llrx.com/courtrules/>> - This section includes links to over 1,400 sources for continuously updated state and federal court rules, forms and dockets which you can browse to find the resources you need, or search by keyword.³
- Resource Centers, featuring Comparative/Foreign Law <http://www.llrx.com/comparative_and_foreign_law.html>, International Law <http://www.llrx.com/international_law.html>, Intranets & KM <http://www.llrx.com/intranets_and_knowledge_management.html>, Marketing <<http://www.llrx.com/marketing.html>> Presentations/Training,

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- <http://www.llrx.com/presentations_and_training.html>, Search Engines, <http://www.llrx.com/search_engines.html>, State/Federal Legislation <<http://www.llrx.com/resources7.htm>> and Document Delivery <http://www.llrx.com/document_delivery.html>.
- Insightful, unbiased reviews of software, online legal applications, database services; resources for intranets, websites and knowledge management systems; and books on legal technology.⁴
- Current, high-quality content on technology and legal research; reviews of legal and non-legal websites for researchers; technology training resources; and seminar materials and presentations from leading legal technology conferences.⁵

Using a social bookmarking management system is a great means of organizing and centralizing information.

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The relatively new phenomena known as social bookmarking is best described as:

a community, or social, approach to identifying and organizing information on the Web. Social bookmarking involves saving bookmarks one would normally make in a Web browser to a public Web site and 'tagging' them with keywords. The community-driven, keyword-based classifications, known as 'folks-

onomies,' may change how we store and find information online.⁶

Connotea, one of many social bookmarking management systems, has a very good video clip which will serve as a good introduction to those of you who are new to the concept of bookmarking. You can access it at <http://www.connotea.quick_tour.html>.⁷

The benefit of social bookmarking is that it aggregates your links, and those of others,

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in a 'central' location. The services add search tools and methods of classifying the links by topic, or popularity. You end up with a service which models the behavior, interests, and preferred content of its members. "It helps you to manage your own sprawling web experience, to find other like-minded users, and to discover highly recommended content." ⁸

Other benefits include:

- allowing a specific group of people (staff of a firm) to share resources efficiently
- providing new insights about a topic by seeing how others think and connect to it
- creating contextual taxonomies that have meaning for a particular community of people
- incorporating various mechanisms for sharing information outside of the tools (via RSS, integration with others tools such as blogging software)

Drawbacks to social bookmarking include:

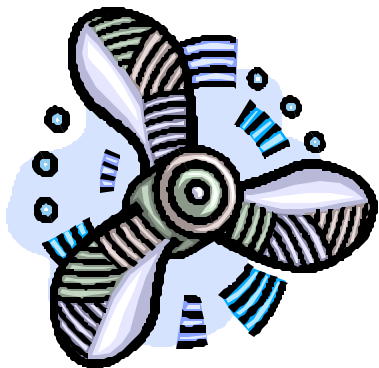
- not being as user-friendly since most of the tools are

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new and still evolving

- no consistency in tagging terms
- The resources available on a particular topic are only as good as the community that has joined the service,
- The possibility of tagging spam

Social bookmarking tools include: CiteULike <<http://citeulike.org>> (academic links); Connotea <<http://www.connotea.org/>>; del.icio.us <<http://del.icio.us>> (the best-known of the tools); >; Dude, Check This Out <<http://www.dudecheckthisout.com>>; eSnips <<http://www.esnips.com/referrer/rbuzz/>> (save text, not just bookmarks!); FeedMeLinks <<http://feedme.links.com/portal>>; Flickr <<http://www.flickr.com/>> (photo sharing); LookSmart's Furl <<http://www.furl.net/>> (saves web pages as well, creating personal Wayback Machine libraries); Jots <<http://www.jots.com/>> (VERY international); Simpy <<http://www.simpy.com/>> (very popular); Spurl <<http://www.spurl.net/>> (includes the ability to designate your bookmark as public or private) ; and Stumble Upon <<http://www.stumbleupon.com/>>.



ADVANCED Specialized Search Engines

This month we have three specialized search engines to offer to you.

Now you can search for text within podcasts with PodZinger <<http://www.podzinger.com/>> which searches the transcribed audio from tens of thousands of podcasts.¹⁰ Search results include the series and information about the episode that includes your search term, which is highlighted, and also the time elapsed before your term appears in the podcast. You have the option to 1) hear the snippet that contains your term; 2) download the entire podcast; 3) listen to the podcast on your computer or 4) subscribe to the entire series.

Another specialized search engine, Qwika, <<http://www.qwika.com>> searches multiple Wikis and provides relatively good machine-translated pages of international articles.¹¹ A few of the wikis that Qwika searches include:

- Wikipedia (English German, French, Japanese, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Greek, Korean, Chinese and Russian)
- WikiTravel (English only)
- Wikicities (English, German, French, Japanese, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Greek, Korean, Chinese and Russian)

Rollyo, <<http://rollyo.com/>> another product which is still in beta, is unique in that it is a fast, easy way to create a personal search engine using only the sources you trust! First, you select up to 25 web addresses, next Rollyo creates the mini-search engine. Then you, or others, can use that tool to perform searches that look to only those sites.¹²

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